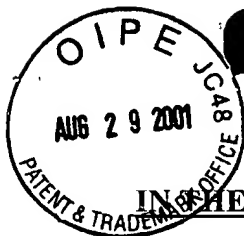


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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below, copies of which are also enclosed.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. Application:

<u>Inventor</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>
Mochizuki et al. (this application was allowed on May 8, 2001, and the issue fee was paid on August 7, 2001).	09/041,890	March 12, 1998	2853

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the cited U.S.

Application as originally-filed is enclosed.

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The Examiner is requested to review the above-listed items when making a determination of the patentability of the subject application.

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) (\$180.00) is also enclosed.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place this application in condition for allowance and submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. If for any reason, however, the Examiner should deem that this application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below to resolve any outstanding issues prior to issuing a further Office Action.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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